



REMARKS

Claims 1-35 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. On p. 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner subjected claims 1-35 to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, alleging that the application contains claims directed to the following species of the claimed invention:

Species I: Figures 2-11

Species II: Figure 12 ad 13

Applicants select Species I, covering Figures 2-11, for prosecution on the merits for this application. Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-8, 15, 17-21 and 24-35 of the application read on Species I. Applicants withdraw claims 9-14, 16 and 22-23 from consideration.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3548 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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